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Runners in the 10K started the Highland Yard off on Sunday morning at the 2019 Highland Yard race. /FILE

What to do in the Highlands this long weekend

Spending a long weekend in the beautiful Haliburton Highlands is always a reason to celebrate - but what are some things you can do to enhance the experience?

With this week's lineup of events, it'll be hard to choose which to go to.

Friday, Aug. 4

The Madness is back! Don't miss out on a staple Haliburton event – Midnight Madness – hosted on Highland Street in Haliburton. Check out all of the event's features on page 4.

Are you a music fan? Take your pick of live music on Friday. Some options are:

Doug Hall at the Minden Fairgrounds hosted by the Minden and District Lions Club from 7 to 9 p.m.

Bill Black at the Dominion Hotel in Minden from 3 to 6 p.m. and open mic starting at 7:30 p.m.

Carl Dixon at Haliburton Highlands Brewing from 7 to 9 p.m.

A country party with DJ Chris Evans at the Rockcliffe Moore Falls starting at 8 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 5

Get ready for more dancing and singing. Here's Saturday's lineup of live music:

The Weber Brothers at Till Death BBQ from 2 to 4 p.m.

North Country Express at the Dominion Hotel from 3 to 6 p.m.

The Rockin' Bobs at the Rockcliffe starting at 7 p.m.

Junestone at Hollow Valley Resort in Dorset starting at 8 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 6

The Highland Yard race is back in downtown Minden, and hosted this year by Rotaract - Haliburton Highlands with proceeds going to Places for People. It's not too late to register. Visit www.highlandyard.ca for more information.

There's more music!

Vince Aguanno at Haliburton Highlands Brewing from 2 to 4 p.m.

Opening day for Early Morning Rain - Gordon Lightfoot Tribute by Leisa Way and the Wayward Wind Band hosted by the Highlands Summer Festival at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton at 2 p.m.

Gord Kidd and Friends at the Dominion Hotel from 3 to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 8

Don't miss Haliburton Rotary's big event of the summer with Jeff Moulton playing at the bandshell at Head Lake Park in Haliburton starting at 6:30 p.m. The winner for their annual car draw will be announced.

For the artists and art enthusiasts, don't forget about the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden featuring work by the Bateman family and Haliburton's Rails End Gallery with the Recto Verso exhibit. Haliburton School of Art + Design's faculty auction items are also on display until August 18.

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Midnight Madness returns for another year

CHRISTINE CARR
County Life Staff

The Gord Kidd and Friends band performs with frontman Kidd, from left, Ian Pay, and Shawn Chamberlain at the Midnight Madness on Friday, July 29, 2022 in Haliburton. /FILE

Get ready as Midnight Madness is back for another year! Friday, August 4 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. there will be a number of different events and deals taking over the main street of Haliburton.

Continuing since 1982, Midnight Madness has run annually, closing only briefly for the COVID-19 pandemic. With its triumphant return last year in 2022, the BIA is excited to be continuing the long standing tradition.

"A lot of people view it as a homecoming and special event to reacquaint with friends. It's a meeting place and part of the long weekend celebrations," said David Zilstra, member of the organizing committee and publisher of the *Haliburton County Echo*.

This year there will be live music, busking, vendors, food, and local businesses will be staying open late and offering some great deals. The Prize Pass will be returning, which gives purchasers a chance to win one of many prizes generously offered by BIA businesses, including Glecoff's Family Store, BAO Clinic, Delancey Sports, Ski-Mazing, Poquito Loco, the Maple, Wind in the Willows Spa, Haliburton Framing and Photo, Outdoors Plus, Algonquin Outfitters, Shoppers Drug Mart, Haliburton Liquidation, SIRCH Bistro, Castle Antiques, and Upriver Trading Co. There are over $1,000 in prizes to be won.

There will be no shortage of entertainment at this year's event with performers such as Bex in Motion, Pockets the Clown, and Gord Kidd and Friends to keep kids and adults of all ages entertained.

Pockets the Clown will be present from 7 to 9 p.m. to offer face painting, balloon animals, and tons of entertainment for the kids while Bex in Motion will also be offering her impressive show as a one of a kind performer who incorporates fire, comedy, acrobatics, juggling, and mesmerizing hula hoop tricks. A fan favourite last year, the BIA is excited for her return for 2023 with her family friendly performance. Music fans won't be left out as Gord Kidd & Friends will keep toes tapping.

Visitors will be able to enjoy the shopping and performances with the return of Beef on a Bun offered by the Rotary Club of Haliburton or the free banana splits offered at 8 p.m. Truck draw tickets will also be available to purchase from the Rotary Club of Haliburton, and Canoe FM will be present celebrating their 20th anniversary.

The BIA has worked hard to provide entertainment for everyone, including the opportunity to leave your mark on the street mural. A family friendly event, Highland Street will be closed as of 6:30 p.m. to vehicular traffic and festivities will begin at 7 p.m.

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Sample the best scone in Haliburton Village

The scone is a small, lightly sweetened baked bread or cake, usually made with flour, sugar, baking powder, butter, milk, and sometimes eggs. It has a long and fascinating history that dates back to ancient times.

The exact origins of the scone are not entirely clear, but its early roots can be traced back to Scotland. The word "scone" is believed to have come from the Scottish Gaelic word "sgonn," which means a shapeless mass or large mouthful. Initially, scones were made from oats and cooked on a griddle, giving them a denser and less fluffy texture than the modern version.

In the early 16th century, with the introduction of wheat to Scotland, the recipe for scones evolved, and they began to resemble more of what we know today. The ingredients shifted to include wheat flour, and baking powder was used as a leavening agent. As time went on, scones became a popular treat in Scotland and later spread to other parts of the United Kingdom.

In the 19th century, scones gained popularity in England, where they were often served during afternoon tea. The tradition of afternoon tea, which became fashionable during the Victorian era, contributed significantly to the scone's popularity, particularly when served with clotted cream and jam.

The SIRCH Bistro & Bakery has the best scones in town, with varieties like blueberry, jalapeno cheddar and strawberry with chocolate. SIRCH baker Judith Bamford arrives every morning at 4am to begin the work of preparing the delicious baked goods from a recipe that was passed down by many generations in her family. The Bakery is located at 49 Maple Ave. in Haliburton Village. /Photo submitted

At the SIRCH Bakery & Bistro, scones are made fresh every morning. Our baker Judith Bamford arrives daily at 4 am to begin the meticulous prep work that goes into baking every scone with love and care. She uses an old family recipe that was passed down to her from her grandmother to her mother, who taught her how to bake the delicacy. Some of the most popular varieties include jalapeno and cheddar, strawberry and white chocolate and blueberry. Only the freshest ingredients are used. And of course butter, lots of butter.

The scones are one of the signature items found at the SIRCH Bakery, which opens at 8:30 a.m., Tuesdays to Fridays and 10 am on Saturdays. You can also find them at the Haliburton Farmers Market on Tuesdays in Head Lake Park. But arrive early as they sell out fast!

If you can't stay to enjoy your scone, consider picking up a bag for you and your family. Or make everyone's day at the office by bringing in fresh scones for your colleagues to enjoy.

The SIRCH scones are the best scones in town without a doubt! Best enjoyed with a hot cup of freshly brewed coffee and conversation. If scones aren't your thing, there are many other homemade treats to savour at the Bistro & Bakery, including muffins, quiche, breakfast sandwiches and more. And lunch is served starting at 11 a.m. You may end up coming for the scone and staying for lunch.

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A road into the past

KATE BUTLER
Special to *County Life*

OVER THE last couple of months, I've had the pleasure of leading some historical walking tours around Haliburton Village. (You may have spotted me standing on street corners holding books and photos, while also pointing and gesticulating wildly!)

Often, while on these sorts of tours, I find myself giggling, as the traffic in town on a summer's day can mean that I keep having to pause in mid-sentence in order to be heard. It's fantastic to see the village busy and bustling, but I do wonder what some of the early residents of the town might have made of the ways in which it's changed since their time.

We know that cars weren't exactly popular when they first appeared in the village. In 1910, the first car to pass through Haliburton made the news, but also raised concerns, since it was deemed nearly impossible for a horse and buggy and an automobile to pass on one of the narrow local streets, especially if the horse in question was in any way skittish.

Opinions of cars were then hardly helped by the fact that the one seen in Haliburton was later reported to have broken down five miles outside the village! Some residents were clearly intrigued, however. Local merchant Daniel Gorrie snapped a few photos of the Ford parked outside the Grand Central Hotel, curiously juxtaposed against a hitching post. The Grand Central Hotel may no longer stand on Highland Street, but some of the buildings which that vehicle may have passed do still remain.

On a summer evening, when the village becomes a bit quieter, it feels possible to imagine figures from our community's history emerging from those buildings which have survived over the decades. A glance at the Town Hall in 1910 might have seen William Laking striding out the front door.

Laking was a prominent local businessman and employer whose lumber company provided work for a number of men in the town, as well as the surrounding community. In addition to his business interests, Laking was also interested in local politics and in 1910, he was serving as Reeve.

Seeing that automobile might have turned his mind to plans for civic improvements and infrastructure for the coming years - just in case they caught on! In fact, a couple of newly improved bridges did appear in the village shortly thereafter. George Potts, then Dysart's Clerk, might have followed Laking out of the Hall, curious to discover what was on his mind.

The pair might then have spotted John Lucas, across the road, possibly working in his garden, and stopped to chat. In 1910, Lucas was recently retired from the hotel business, having passed operations of the Grand Central on to the next generation, but as someone with a lifelong career in hospitality, he must have had opinions about that car.

Perhaps he felt it would open up new opportunities for Haliburton's then just budding tourism sector or maybe he felt that there was no possibility that it would ever supersede the train in popularity. Whatever their opinions, I can imagine those three men talking at the corner of Maple and Mountain, just as any of us might upon meeting with friends or neighbours today, before eventually tipping their hats and wishing each other a good evening.

The streets and buildings of our local communities are filled with the stories of those who have lived, worked and played there over the years. Reach out to me at the Haliburton Highlands Museum, if you'd like to discover some more of these stories on a walking tour, or perhaps simply take a walk through your local streets on a summer evening and see what speaks to you.

Top 10 reasons to call an end to fishing for the day

FISHING IS sort of like tobogganing – it's easy to start and hard to stop. But any veteran angler will tell you there are certain signs that indicate its time to finally quit for the day. Here are the top 10.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. You forgot the boat plug and your big toe is now starting to get waterlogged.
2. Not sure how close that last lightning strike was, but your eyebrows are now missing.
3. You caught one more fish than everyone else.
4. Sunburn so bad, people are asking your fishing buddy, "Where'd you catch the lobster?"
5. You're already two hours late – and its your wedding day.
6. Fish on the sonar screen appear to be laughing.
7. Hooked yourself in an impossible-to-reach location – for you and everyone else in the boat.
8. Tough looking loons keep eyeing your stringer.
9. Facing sudden heavy winds – and the conditions are bad outside the boat too.
10. Waders full, but hopefully from a leak.

Our monarch

And suddenly that flutter
Periphery of eye
No notion, it's a monarch
Full regal butterfly

In veils of black and orange
Once tucked into a case
Then winging it in numbers
In slow and yearly race

Long-distance in returning
From deep entangled south
It heads for northern milkweed
For caterpillar mouth

When rested it stops flying
Leaves tiny eggs, then dies
In metamorphic cycle
From pupa to the skies

That instinct for survival
Feels similar to ours
As people we gaze upwards
Acknowledging those powers

Which keep all nature marching
To drumbeats of full life
The taking and the giving
Through sunbeams or through strife

It's sad to see a capture
Or death of something free
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Thrill-Seeking and skill-seeking in the Highlands

CHRISTINE CARR
County Life Staff

"Are you a thrill seeker or a skill seeker?" is the question posed by Craig Bowker, owner of Ski-Mazing WaterSports and Sky-Mazing Parasailing.

Bowker showcased all of the experiences offered at their location at Red Umbrella Inn on 12 Mile Lake on a sunny Friday morning, demonstrating everything from water skiing and tubing to parasailing and flyboarding. Celebrating their 20th Anniversary in the Haliburton Highlands, Bowker's business offers experiences for both groups, proving you can have it all in the Highlands.

Offering activities such as day camps, private lessons, and watersports, Ski-Mazing has a dedicated clientele that comes back year after year. Thirteen-year-old Harrison Byrnes, from Stouffville, is a repeat customer. Learning to wakeboard last year, he had a lesson with water skiing, and fell in love.

This year he returned for private waterski lessons. When asked why he enjoys them so much, he stated "I feel free in the water. There's no worries." His Mom, Mary Byrnes, explained that they have tried a lot of places and lessons, but the one-on-one instruction with Craig "made the biggest impact." He "taught them the tips and tricks to make it easier, and it makes a world of difference".

Harrison's goal was to learn to Slalom ski by the end of summer, but Craig had him doing it by the end of the first lesson. Byres described how Harrison's "confidence went boom, boom, boom" as he worked with Craig. "Craig takes one look and he knows. That's what we love about him … Craig nails the instruction." This could be seen as Craig complimented Harrison's form, and the 13-year-old replied, "I just listened to what you said."

"One thing we do that I think a lot of families or parents enjoy is our kid's camp program. It's a day camp that basically means you can indulge yourself in every water sport imaginable." With two boats, the day camps can host up to ten kids a week from ages five to fifteen of any level. Bowker joked how the camp teaches the students skills and also buys the parents "the quiet time they are looking for."

Bowker started the business in 2003. After living in British Columbia and working at a water ski school in Kelowna, he knew it was his passion and thought "I think I can make a business out of this". Recognizing the ideal location of the Highlands, his main drive was "basing it on skill improvement and having fun and just getting better at what you do."

A year after starting the business out of his cottage, Wigamog Inn asked him to bid on operating their waterfront, where he stayed for approximately eight years, expanding from a ski school to include jet ski rentals, tubing, and banana boating. Bringing parasailing into the mix, and adding weekly ski shows, he continued to grow his business at Wigamog. He would do "pyramids and costumed acts, barefooting … all the things you would expect to see at a ski show."

After Wigamog closed, he moved across the lake to Bonnie View, enjoying that location for the next twelve years. When discussing what prompted the move from Bonnie View to his new location at Red Umbrella Inn, Bowker highlighted his excellent relationship with the current Red Umbrella resort owner, describing the lake chain of Twelve Mile, Boshkung, and Little Boshkung as the "epicentre of water sports in Haliburton County."

The reception over the last twenty years has been very positive. "We have tried to operate professionally and responsibly … and with an environmental conscience. All of our people who work here are certified instructors … they are first aid … licensed and fully insured". Bowker believes his professionalism has contributed to his company's success over the last twenty years. Having specialized equipment such as training booms on the boats to help teach the skills necessary and keeping the equipment in pristine condition is important to Bowker.

"I have been at this twenty years. I'm 56 and a lot of people look at me like, 'Are you going to be driving a ski boat or parasailing boat when you're 65?' Who knows! This business really keeps me young." Bowker stated: "I do all the crazy stuff that all the kids do. In fact, I inspire it." Pondering the future, Bowker doesn't see an end to what he loves doing.

A family business, Bowker's son Spencer has been working with his father for the last few years, starting when he was twelve. "[Spencer] ran a business that I started for him, called Dockie Dee. I bought a pontoon boat and outfitted it with ice cream freezers and a generator, and he drove around dock to dock on the lake system selling ice cream."

Starting himself at five years old, and teaching his sons at three, Bowker described how his activities are for all ages. A few years ago Bowker added flyboarding to the ever growing list, and has had "eight-year olds get up on the flyboard and 68-year olds get on the flyboard." For parasailing, he has had "two year olds and 92 year olds go up."

"It's about what drives you–if you are a thrill-seeker or a skill-seeker. Our moniker is skills or thrills. There is a skill side to our business, where you are developing your skills, and there is the thrill side. The thrill side is the parasailing and the flyboarding."

Bowker believes in promoting Haliburton as "the place to go if you want to have a great destination experience." Starting the Adventure Haliburton Group in 2009, a not-for-profit marketing collaborative, the group "promotes all the outdoor adventure experiences here for people to enjoy." A number of businesses collaborate on this initiative, including the Haliburton Forest and Sir Sam's Ski Hill.

"The more all of us as individual businesses promote tourism here the more our economy grows … and the more infrastructure we see come in." Employing nine people currently, many of whom, like himself, grew up as cottage kids who now want an excuse to stay in the Highlands over the summer. In the last twenty years, he has employed "over a hundred summer students."

Twenty years after starting his company, Bowker sees positive things ahead, and still displays a clear love for what he does. To learn more visit their website at www.ski-mazing.com or email info@ski-mazing.com.

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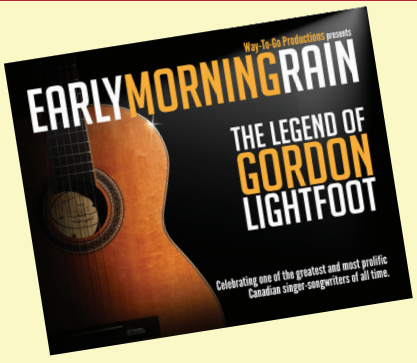
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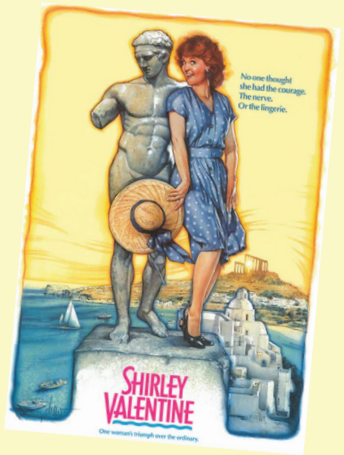

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Textile artist Sandi Luck stands with her booth at Blackbird Pottery's Schoolhouse Pop-Up last year. /Submitted

Popping-Up, rural style at the Donald Schoolhouse

You are invited to 'Schoolhouse Pop-Up' Friday, Aug. 4 and Saturday, Aug. 5, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 5843 Gelert Road.

Located at the historic Donald Schoolhouse, this event features a curated selection of artists and makers from the Haliburton Highlands and neighbouring counties, welcoming a spectrum of mediums.

You'll find jeweller and multi-disciplinary artist Miranda Britton, Textile Artist Jen Manuell, Artist writer Victoria Ward, OG Cucina, Samantha & Ollie Vanderwyst of Woodsmoke & Lore, and host April Gates, of Blackbird Pottery. Waxed linen jewellery artist Leslie Howchin of Moth Jewellery will be joining the show, Saturday only.

2023 marks Blackbird Pottery's ninth anniversary at the Schoolhouse and 21st anniversary in Haliburton.

"It's fitting to welcome the public to a property where the community has gathered in various ways over time. When the Schoolhouse was decommissioned, it served as a church, then a community centre before becoming a home and workspace" said property owner, April Gates.

"We're loving this grassroots rural market experience. It's a gem of a destination for weekend road trippers and for locals too. Makers and patrons together weave new life into this storied property and we'd like to see that continue to grow," said Gates.

In the event of unstable weather please check ahead. Find updates by following Blackbird Pottery on Facebook and Instagram. To contact, visit blackbirdpottery.ca.

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Legion Events

Branch 129 Haliburton

Mondays: Bridge every Monday, 1 p.m. Schofield Rm.
Tuesdays: League darts starting at 7 p.m. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30 to 9 p.m. (Sept to June)
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start – Main Hall.
Bingo doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. $1000 Jackpot
Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Meat draw has five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC.
Friday fun darts from 4:30 p.m. and onwards.
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw – tickets are $1 each available in the Clubroom.
Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call Cheryl Waller at 905-447-7741, email haliburtonlegionrentals@gmail.com or visit haliburtonlegion.com. Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129 ... everyone is welcome!
Club room hours: Mon. 3 to 6 p.m., Tues. 3 to 9 p.m., Wed/Thurs. 3 to 6 p.m. Fri. 3 to 7 p.m. and Sat. 3 to 6 p.m.

Branch 636 Minden

Lunch - Monday to Friday
Monday: Rug Hookers every second week. Bid Euchre 1 to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Food 5 p.m. Canoe FM Bingo 6 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 1 to 3 p.m., Darts 7 to 9 p.m. and Euchre 7 to 9 p.m.
Every other Friday: Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.
Friday Fish & Chips & Wings. Lunch 11a.m. to 2 p.m. and Dinner 4 to 7 p.m.
Every other Friday Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.
Saturday All Day Breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with three Meat draws at 11 a.m.
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Aug. 4 Open 2 to 9 p.m. Wings/Jam 5 to 8 p.m.
Aug. 5 to 8 Closed
Aug. 9 Open 2 to 6 p.m. Darts 2 p.m.
Aug. 10 HHHS Social 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Open 2 to 6 p.m.

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IN A WORLD grappling with environmental challenges, the significance of individuals taking action cannot be overstated. Recycling is a powerful tool when it comes to addressing the global waste crisis. By taking simple yet impactful steps toward recycling, you and I can play a crucial role in protecting the future of our planet.

OMOTAYO LEAH OLAKANMI
Our Environment

Recycling is the process of converting waste materials into new materials for use thereby conserving natural resources and reducing pollution. By recycling materials such as paper, plastic, glass, scrap metal, tires and textile, the demand for raw materials decreases. The collective impact of recycling can be immense, as it helps conserve energy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and relieve the burden on landfills. However, it is important to recognize that the journey toward a sustainable future begins with each individual's commitment to recycling.

One of the most significant aspects of individual action in recycling is the diversion of waste from landfills. By sorting acceptable recyclable materials from your household waste and placing them in designated recycling bins, you ensure these materials are diverted to recycling facilities instead of being sent to landfills. This simple act can save valuable landfill space and prevent harmful substances from leaching into the environment.

Individual action in recycling also fosters a culture of sustainability and raises awareness among communities. When you actively participate in recycling programs, do you know that you serve as role models for others, inspiring friends, family, co-workers, and neighbours to follow suit? By engaging in discussions about the importance of recycling and sharing knowledge about proper recycling practices, individuals can create a ripple effect that extends far beyond their immediate surroundings.

However, the responsibility does not lie solely with the municipal or provincial government. Every person can make a difference through their daily actions. From consciously choosing products with minimal packaging and ensuring to only recycle acceptable items. You can check if an item is acceptable by visiting www.dysartetal.ca/wastewizard or by downloading the free mobile app, Haliburton County Waste Wizard.

The role of individual action in recycling cannot be underestimated. Through small yet significant steps, such as properly sorting waste, and spreading awareness, individuals can contribute to the collective effort of protecting our planet. By embracing recycling as a way of life, we can ensure a cleaner and greener future for generations to come.

Omotayo Leah Olakanmi is a student at Fleming College's Waste Resource Management- Environmental program, doing an internship placement as a Recycling Promoter at the Municipality of Dysart et al.

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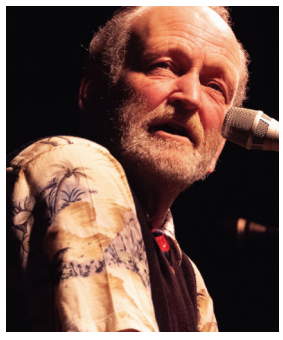

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Spiritual rest and relaxation in the Highlands

CHRISTINE CARR
County Life Staff

Dimensions Healing is offering a new program for those looking for a little more wellness in their lives. The Summer Wellness Series is a new program offering all-inclusive wellness experiences for those desiring a natural reset. The series runs from Aug. 8 to Sept. 3 and is designed to offer brief but needed resets for those exhausted from the demands of everyday life.

The Wellness Retreat varies slightly from Dimensions other programs, being run similar to a spa. According to their press briefing, "guests receive pre-arrival activities and treatments consultation. The experience is enhanced by the healing properties of such all-inclusive spa rituals as biofeedback and floatation tank sessions, and summer water activities, including kayaking, canoeing and paddle boarding. Dimensions' signature group sound baths and forest bathing are among other featured inclusions."

Melissa Tong, a registered massage therapist (RMT) at Dimensions Wellness, spoke about the goals of the new experience.

"The goal for the wellness center is specifically focusing on individuals who are looking to step away from their everyday busy and really pamper themselves and enjoy … For the wellness retreat, it is really focusing on individual wellness in a rest and restore kind of space," said Tong.

RMT Melissa Tong sat down with *County Life* to discuss the vision of the new retreat programs offered at Dimensions in Algonquin Highlands. /CHRISTINE CARR Staff

"It is all-inclusive. You have your own cabin, you have your delicious meals from our beautiful chefs in our kitchen. Everything is as organic and possible and as locally found as possible. We try to keep a low impact with little waste. Everything is artfully catered."

Tong has long believed in the importance of spiritual and mental health, which is why she believes so strongly in championing the work of Dimensions healing.

"What does that look like? Where does that begin? I think we need to begin with the individual in the soul. We can have physical ailments … but we have to work on [mind, body, and spirit] to be whole," said Tong. She believes that to truly recover and succeed in today's busy world, you need to focus on the mind, body, and spirit for the whole experience.

"You can't just go to the gym and expect everything to be ok. You can't just eat healthy and expect everything to be ok. We have to take care of our minds and … we have to start looking at health as a holistic piece," said Tong.

Tong spoke about how today, more than ever, people are beginning to believe in being advocates for their own mental health and restoring their natural ways of being.

"The work that is being done at Dimensions is pretty special because it is allowing a safe space for people to come and work on whatever they need to work on…for me, it is a company that is very heart led. They are doing it … not with their ego, not with their bank account, but from the bottom of their heart. That is rare in business in general," said Tong.

The summer wellness series at Dimensions Retreat is run by over 20 professionals. Dimensions is located at 1218 Canopy Lane and all retreats are dog friendly and cannabis friendly. Reservations may be made with HiBnB, Airbnb, or via Dimensions.com.

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Time: 3:00 pm **Location:** Minden Library

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Time: 5:00 pm
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YOUTH PRIDE BREAKFAST
Time: 9:00 -12:00pm
Location: Haliburton Youth Wellness Hub, 12 Dysart Ave., Haliburton

QUEER HIP HOP DANCE CLASS
Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Wellness Hub, 135 Industrial Park Road, Haliburton

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DRAG STORYTIME – HALIBURTON
Time: 3:00 pm **Location:** Haliburton Library

QUEER TRIVIA NIGHT
Time: 7:00 **Location:** The Dominion Hotel

OUTDOOR MOVIE SHOW
Time: 9:00
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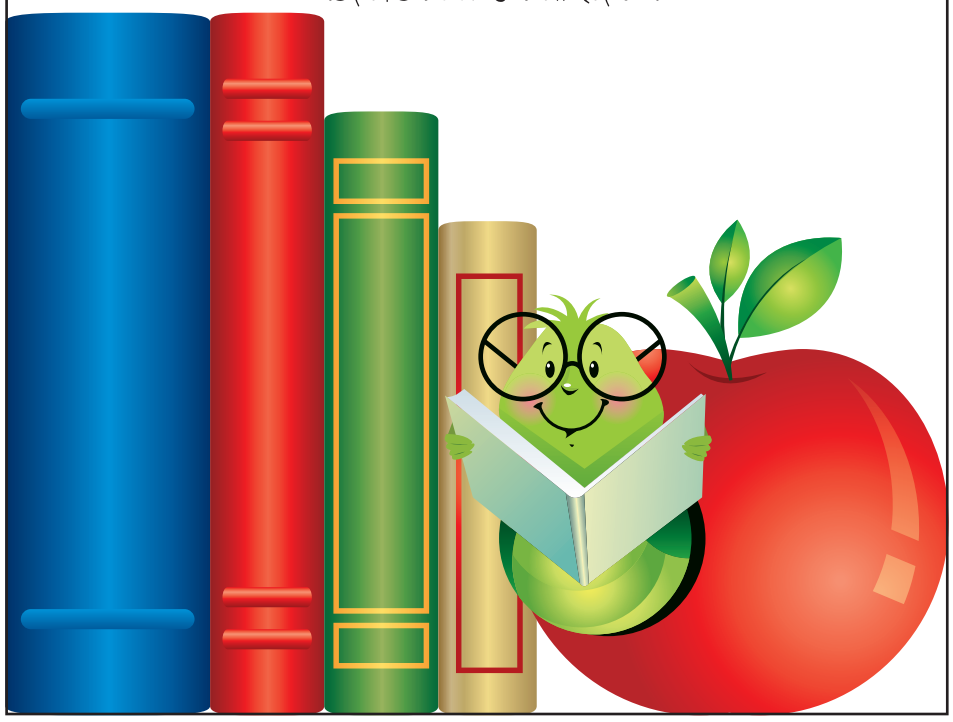

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Two female mallards swim in Kashagawigamog Lake. /Submitted by Jill Moulton

A family mergansers. /Submitted by Jill Moulton

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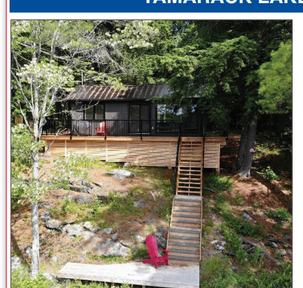

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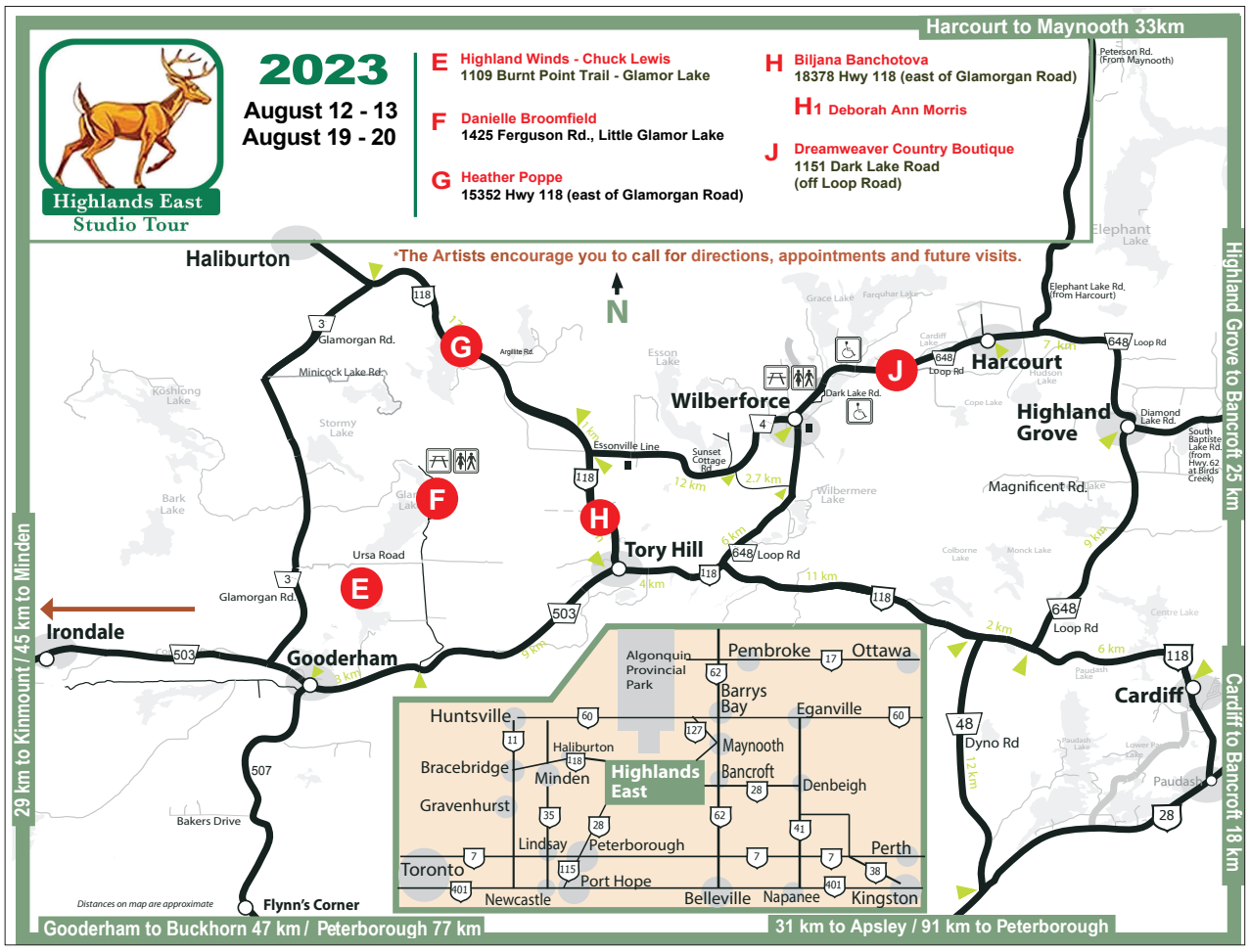

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Where: Tours leave from the Town Docks in Haliburton
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Tour De Forest, Summer Studio Tour

When: Aug. 5 and 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Various Studios across Haliburton County
Please join us for the 17th annual summer studio tour. Visit 25 artists at 12 studio locations across the county. Meet the artists, be inspired, and enjoy original treasures! Please visit www.haliburtontourdeforest.com for tour map, directions, or for more information.
The Highland Yard Charity Run
When: August 6th, Registration at 7:15 am
Where: Starting Line at Minden River Cone
Please join us for the 50th in-person running of the historic Highland Yard race, with fundraising efforts supporting local charity, Places for People. Register as an individual or a team for a 2km, 5km, or 10km run. Registration opens at 7:15 am at the Minden River Cone. To register online, or for more information please visit www.highlandyard.ca.

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Kash Art On The Water Event

When: Sat. Aug. 12, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Rain Day is Sunday)
Where: Various locations, Lake Kashagawigamog
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Our sponsors' significant support, the invaluable donations, and our volunteer team's infectious enthusiasm helped magnify the impacts of our collective mission. Every contribution, large or small, echoed our shared purpose - optimising health and wellbeing in Haliburton County.

Behind the success of this incredible day was an ambitious team of volunteers led by golf committee co-chairs, Troy Austen and Vince Duchene, including David Blodgett, Susannah Moylan, Klara Oyler & Melanie Klodt Wong. They envisioned a day of golf, comradery and friendly competition to bolster health resources in our county.

All of this would not have been possible without the generous and steadfast support of Matt Duchene and his family who put their hearts and souls into this year after year. Thank you. Here's to you, our true champions, golfers and sponsors, for making this happen.

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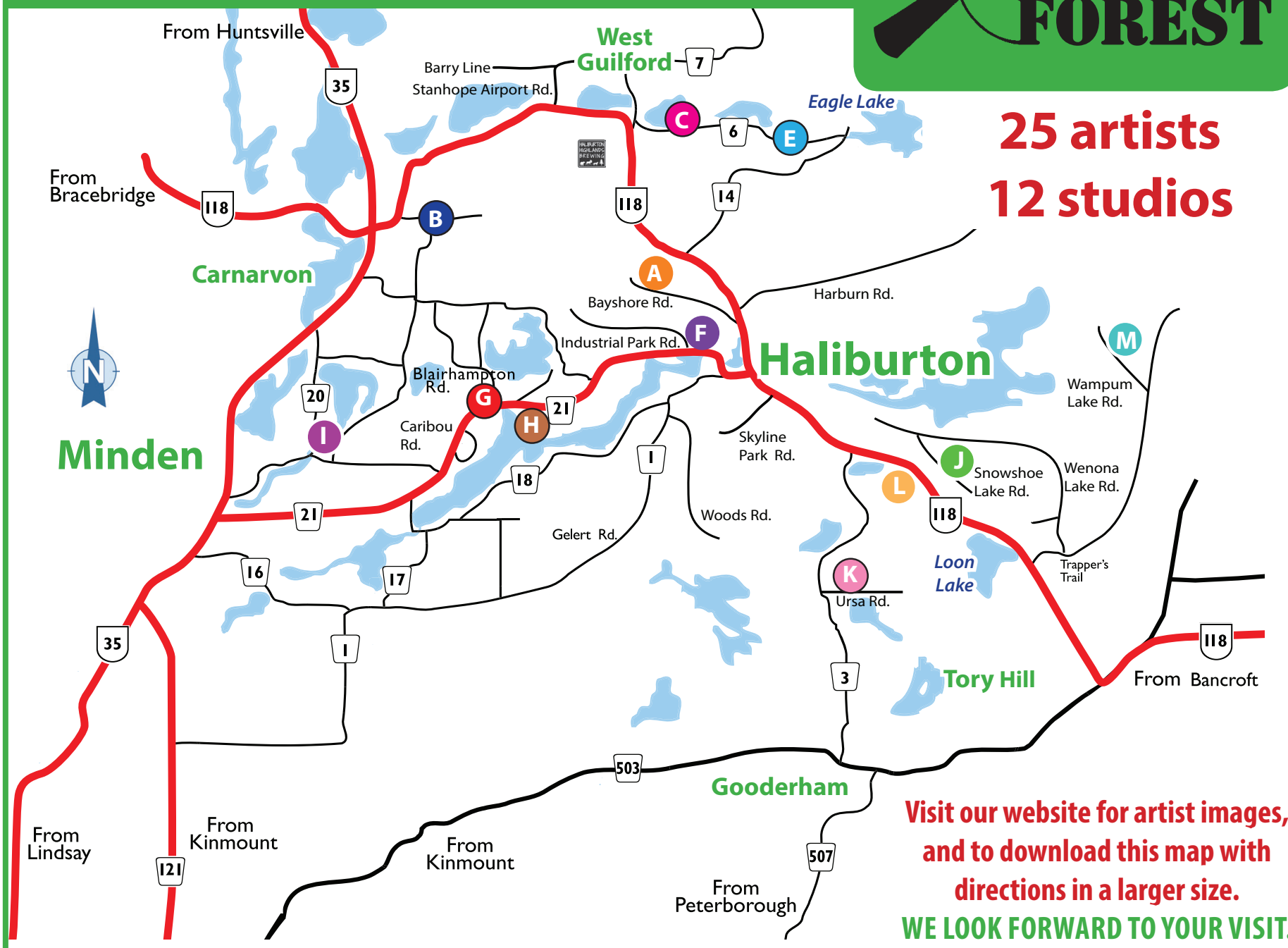

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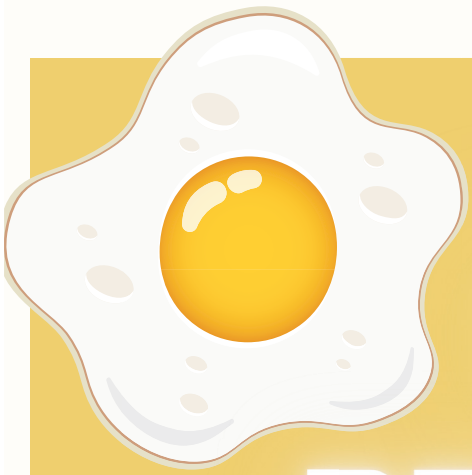

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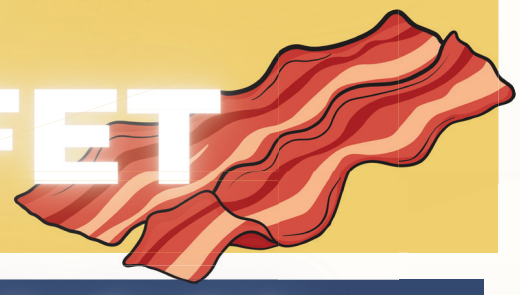

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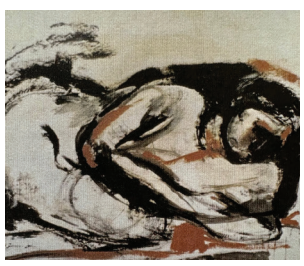

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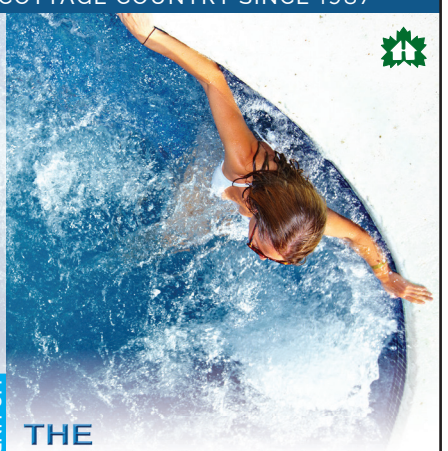

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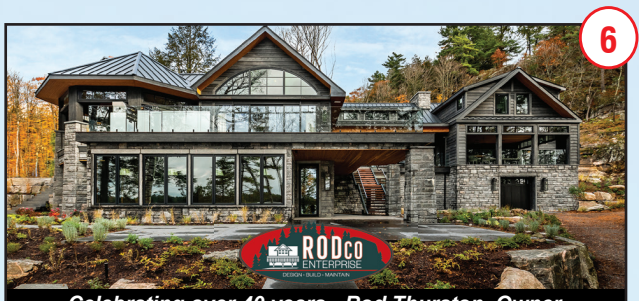

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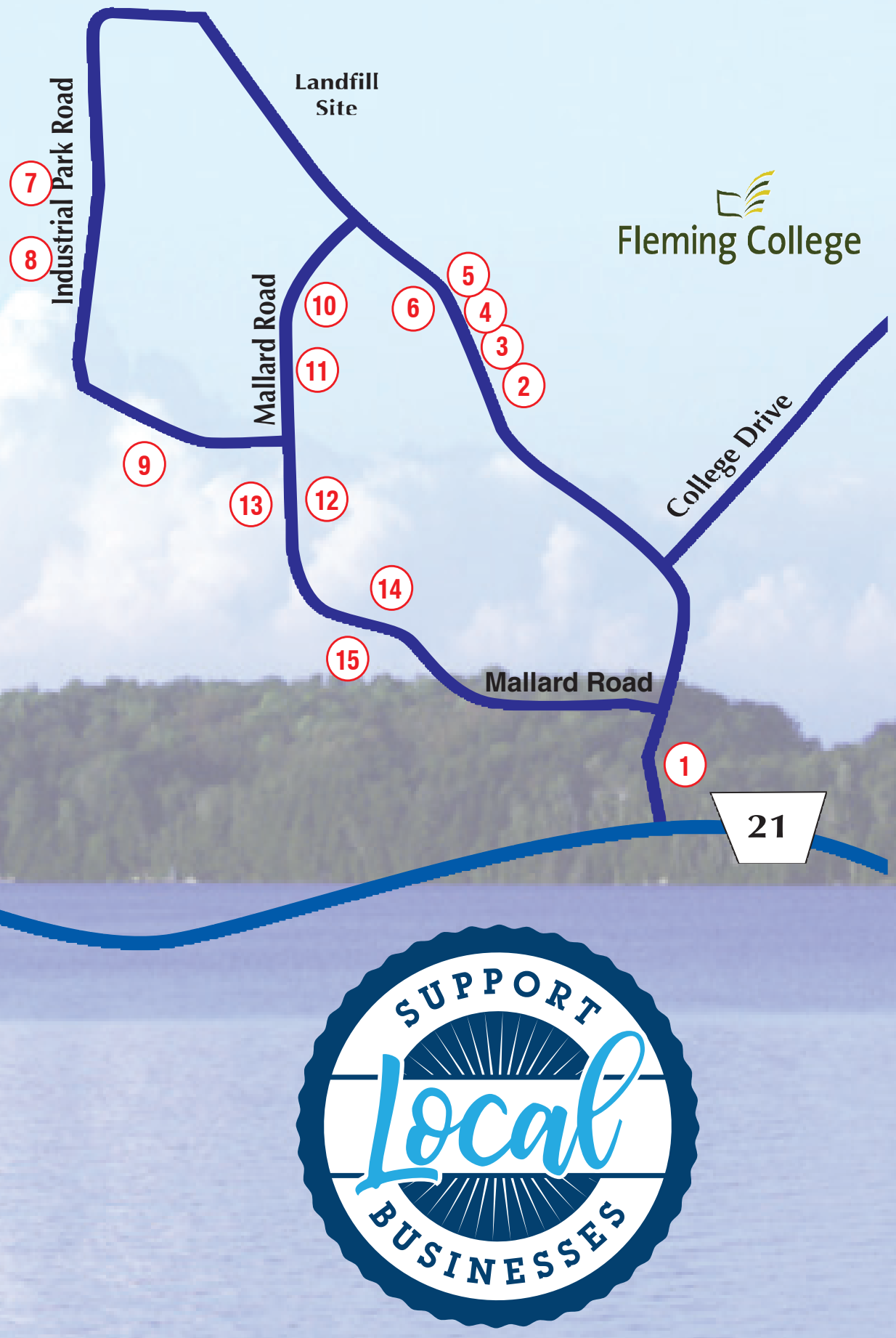

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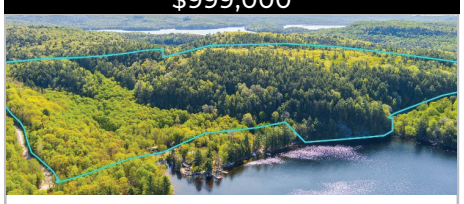

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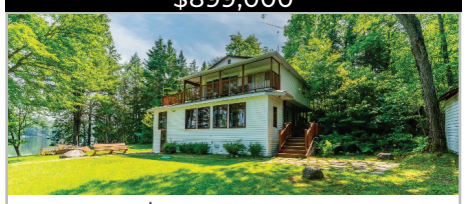

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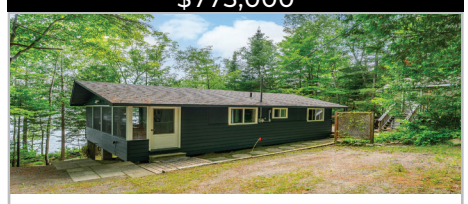

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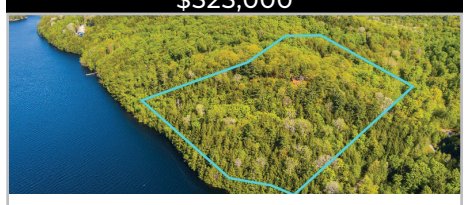

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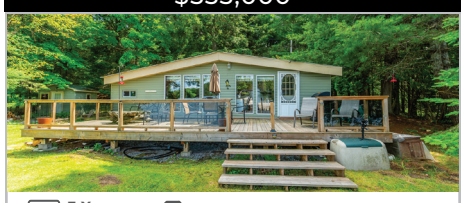

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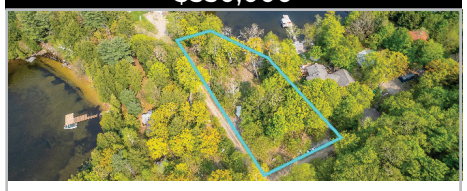

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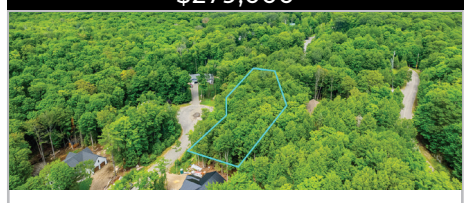

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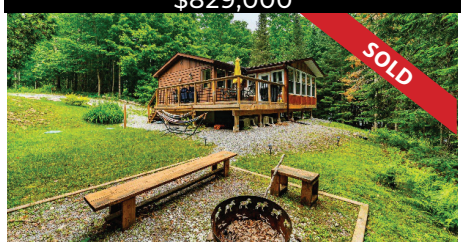

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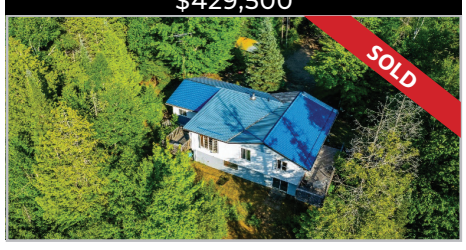

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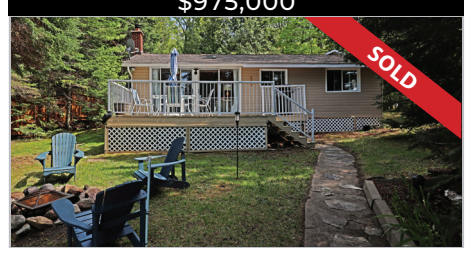

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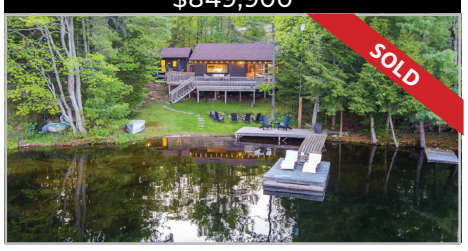

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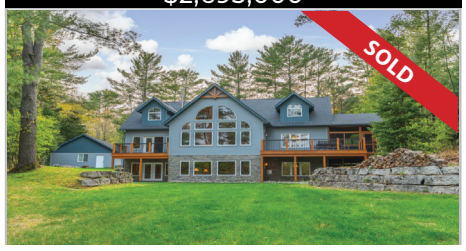

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Dysart cool to request for lakeside sheds

Councillors want to protect shoreline

LANCE CROSSLEY
Staff Reporter

The issue of shoreline building setbacks dominated the morning agenda at Dysart et al's council meeting last week.

Drew Miller, representing Moose and Eagle Lakes, presented council with a petition of cottagers who want to be able to build structures on the shoreline for storage purposes.

"From my understanding, it's a big issue with people," Miller told council.

Miller was careful not to advocate "boathouses", aware that it's a contentious notion among those who want to preserve the shoreline's natural integrity.

Instead, Miller stressed that there are cottagers who merely want small structures to store items near the shoreline. With an aging population on the lakes, Miller said that it is increasingly difficult for seniors to make the trek back to their cottages to load their boats.

"You can build it under 10x10," said Miller. "We don't want boathouses."

The issue was expected to be a primary focus at a public meeting regarding the township's comprehensive zoning-bylaw held this past Saturday.

The concerns of people like Miller are problematic for the township, which went through extensive public consultations on the official plan it passed in March of last year – a plan that clearly stipulated the need for shoreline setbacks. If council plans to address Miller's concerns it would have to revisit the official plan and change the municipality's overall policy direction before it could alter any bylaw.

"How do we tell people that they can do it on one lake but not another?" said Fearrey.

See **Cottager** *page 2*

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Pull that load

Horses were the star attraction at the Haliburton County Fair in Minden on Friday and Saturday. There were horse events throughout the fair, with the horse pull being the crowd favourite. We have more photos on page 17.

Environmental advocacy starts at the cottage

GRAEME STEMP
Staff Reporter

Slowly crusing out to his family island, Dr. David Pengelly recounts the kind of history lesson you love to hear on a sunny afternoon in cottage country.

His family's roots go back 70 years to the little island in the middle of Big Soyers Lake. The rest of Soyers Lake, Pengelly says, was owned by about a half dozen families. As time went on, those families sold chunks of land to friends but the originals never left.

Unfortunately, like most lakes, a problem arose that forced the lake residents to defend their pristine environment. For Soyers Lake the concern was actually focused on a tiny subsidiary lake called Little Soyers Lake. A group of investors moved in and were going to create an "eco-dude ranch", where foreign tourists would herd cattle from one side of the property to the other.

The group of starry-eyed investors planned to solve the obvious problem that this area was never prairie by cutting down all the trees and watering the new grass with water from the lake.

"The amount of water they would've needed to draw from the lake was obscene," recalls Pengelly.

Since a third of the water from Soyers Lake comes from its smaller sibling, Pengelly and some other cottagers appealed the government's decision to allow the group to draw water. The result was that the investors' water permit was renegotiated with much stricter

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Dr. David Pengelly, a renowned air pollution researcher, proudly displays his solar panels on his family's island.

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